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In re Application of

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For: PLASTISOL PRINTED DYED POLYESTER FABRIC AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above identified application, please enter the  
following preliminary amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please insert --CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--.

On page 1, preceding paragraph [0001], please insert --This is a division of application no.  
09/299,802, filed April 26, 1999.--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 15-23.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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12. (Amended) A dyed polyester fabric printed with a plastisol printing composition substantially without the printing composition dissolving the dye of the fabric, wherein the fabric is prepared by the method comprising:

(a) providing a web of textile fabric to be printed, the fabric containing dyed polyester fibers as a significant proportion of the content of the fabric;

(b) selecting a surface area of the fabric to be printed with a plastisol printing composition;

(c) applying to at least the selected area of the fabric a blocking composition to form a printing receptor barrier over the selected area; and

(d) imprinting the plastisol printing composition in a desired image or pattern onto the barrier in the selected area of the fabric;

wherein the barrier substantially separates the fabric and the plastisol printing composition from one another to prevent chemical interaction between the solvent in the printing composition and the dye in the polyester fibers of the fabric and thereby to prevent undesired discoloration of the printing composition.

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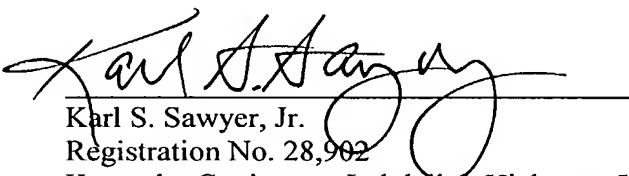
Applicants have canceled claims 1-11 and 15-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants have amended claim 12 merely to put the claim in independent form. No new matter has been added. The claim has not been narrowed.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by current amendment. The enclosed page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that the present claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number shown below.

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Enclosures:

Version with markings to show changes made

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

12. (Amended) A dyed polyester fabric printed with a plastisol printing composition [according to claim 1] substantially without the printing composition dissolving the dye of the fabric, wherein the fabric is prepared by the method comprising:

(a) providing a web of textile fabric to be printed, the fabric containing dyed polyester fibers as a significant proportion of the content of the fabric;

(b) selecting a surface area of the fabric to be printed with a plastisol printing composition;

(c) applying to at least the selected area of the fabric a blocking composition to form a printing receptor barrier over the selected area; and

(d) imprinting the plastisol printing composition in a desired image or pattern onto the barrier in the selected area of the fabric;

wherein the barrier substantially separates the fabric and the plastisol printing composition from one another to prevent chemical interaction between the solvent in the printing composition and the dye in the polyester fibers of the fabric and thereby to prevent undesired discoloration of the printing composition.